

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> (New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No. <u>5297/198</u>
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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of inventor(s) Richard RÖLLIN, Beat MOSER; and Urs KOCH entitled THORAX DRAINAGE SYSTEM, for a(n):

- ( ) Original Patent Application.
- (X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):  
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 of prior Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on December 12, 2003.  
 (X) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.
- ( ) Applicant claims small entity status.

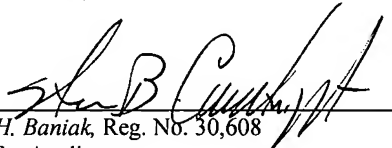
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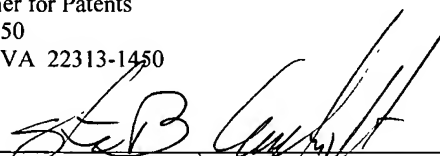
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